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Dear Sirs:

This letter concerns docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197 and deals with the forced molting of millions of hens to manipulate egg production.

I can hardly believe that the FDA, which has the jurisdiction to ban such torturous practices that have been proven to injure human health as well as the health of the hens, has not banned the forced molting even after FDA was petitioned in April 1998. This petition should be granted without further delay.

The public should never be exposed to such health hazards as such and FDA needs to do much more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

Forced molting of laying hens is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. That means that

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-the cruelty and contamination are definitely linked! It destroys the hens' immune system and it has been scientifically shown to promote disease.

Please do what is right! Right for those millions of abused hens and for billions of susceptible humans.

Thank you in advance for your putting a halt to this barbarous practice.

Sincerely,

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